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SUBJ: RABIN HECKLED BY ARAB YOUTH IN NAZARETH

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1. REF REPORTS RADIO ISRAEL ACCOUNT OF VISIT TO COMMUNITY CENTER IN NAZARETH NOV 27 BY PM RABIN, DURING WHICH RABIN WAS HECKLED BY ARAB YOUNG PEOPLE IN AUDIENCE AND CONFRONTED BY THEM WITH PROVOCATIVE QUESTIONS. DURING SESSION IN WHICH HE WAS OCCASIONALLY FORCED TO STOP SPEAKING DUE TO LOUD HECKLING, RABIN FIELDDED QUESTIONS CONCERNING SUCH TOPICS AS ISRAELI REFUSAL TO ATTEND GENEVA CONFERENCE, TO WITHDRAW FROM OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, OR TO RECOGNIZE PLO.

2. IN PORTION CARRIED BY RADIO, RABIN AT ONE POINT SAID: QUOTE I AM SURE THAT STUDENTS IN EGYPT AND SYRIA WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO POSE SUCH QUESTIONS AND SPEAK AS FREELY AS WE ARE ALLOWING HERE. I DO NOT KNOW IF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY IN DAMASCUS..

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IS ALLOWED TO SPEAK WITH ASAD AS YOU ARE SPEAKING TO ME. THIS IS

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE ARAB STATES AND US..THIS IS OUR STRENGTH. END QUOTE.

3. INTERVIEWED IN NOV 28 YEDIOT, ADVISOR TO PM ON ARAB AFFAIRS SHMUEL TOLEDANO SAID THAT INCIDENT IN NAZARETH SERVED TO HIGHLIGHT SERIOUS PROBLEM WHICH HE HAD BEEN TRYING TO POINT OUT, THE SITUATION OF A NEW ARAB GENERATION GROWING UP IN ISRAEL BUT SUBJECTED TO NEGATIVE INFLUENCES FROM BEYOND THE BORDERS. TOLEDANO DISAGREED WITH OPINIONS REPORTEDLY EXPRESSED IN SOME OFFICIAL CIRCLES THAT IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER HAD THE PRIME MINISTER NOT ATTEMPTED SUCH MEETING, STATING RATHER "WE HAVE TO RECOGNIZE THE EXISTENCE OF THIS PROBLEM IN ORDER TO MEASURE ITS STRENGTH AND TO LOCATE IT. ANY ATTEMPT TO IGNORE IT IS BASICALLY WRONG." TOLEDANO SAID SUCH REACTION ON PART OF SOME YOUNG ISRAELI ARABS WAS NATURAL IN VIEW OF RECENT EVENTS IN ARAB WORLD, BUT SAID HE PERSONALLY PREFERS TO FOCUS ON POSITIVE FACT THAT "3500" YOUNG ARABS WERE WAVING ISRAELI FLAGS AND CHEERING ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER.

4. COMMENT: WE FIND TIMING OF RABIN VISIT TO NAZARETH AND HIS CHOICE OF YOUTHFUL AUDIENCE RATHER CURIOUS, IN VIEW OF RECENT ERUPTIONS OF YOUNG PEOPLE ON WEST BANK. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT PURPOSE WAS TO UNDERLINE NEED FOR GREATER ATTENTION TO ARAB AFFAIRS WITHIN BOTH GOVERNMENT AND LABOR PARTY, AND THUS TO LEND URGENCY TO CREATION OF SPECIAL MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE TO DEAL WITH SUBJECT. TOLEDANO HAS BEEN SAID TO BE PUSHING FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH COMMITTEE UNDER THREAT OF RESIGNATION, AND RABIN WAS RECENTLY REPORTED TO BE GIVING SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO ITS ESTABLISHMENT. AVERAGE ISRAELI UNDOUBTEDLY PLACES CONCERNS OF ARAB CITIZENS WELL DOWN LIST OF PRIORITIES CURRENTLY FACING COUNTRY. NEVERTHELESS, ENHANCED SENSE OF IDENTITY WITH ARAB CAUSE AMONG ITS OWN APPROXIMATELY HALF-MILLION ARAB CITIZENS HAS POTENTIALLY MORE SERIOUS LONG-TERM IMPLICATIONS FOR ISRAEL THAN EVEN RECENT DISTURBANCES ON WEST BANK. WE BELIEVE GOVERNMENT IS THEREFORE WELL-ADVISED TO PLACE RENEWED EMPHASIS ON DOMESTIC ARAB AFFAIRS.
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